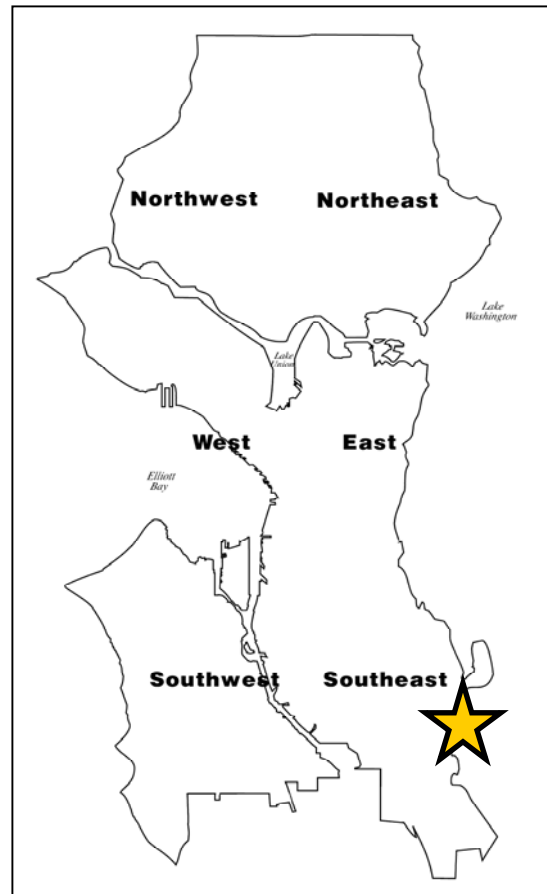


Rainier Beach Coalition for Community Empowerment (RBCCE)

BACKGROUND

In April 2003, a group of Rainier Beach residents and representatives from community-based organizations gathered to discuss youth issues and concerns. After this initial gathering, community members identified the need to create a coalition that would engage all members of the neighborhood. As a community coalition, neighbors will work together to build and revitalize Rainier Beach. We will focus on youth and other important issues such as families, education, training, economic development, public safety and the environment.

With this, the Rainier Beach Coalition for Community Empowerment (RBCCE) was created.



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2003

Community participation—over 50 community members participated in RBCCE meetings

Rainier Beach Coalition for Community Empowerment Monthly Meetings were held to establish the following:

- RBCCE mission statement and goals
- Interim Executive Officers
- Subcommittees to oversee work plan

Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Training—Four RBCCE members participated in 2-day training to learn community-building principles

UNDERWAY FOR RBCCE IN 2004

Rainier Beach Community Outreach—mobilize residents about community building opportunities through RBCCE

Partnership Development—collaborate with community organizations and volunteers such as Southeast District Council, 2014 Rainier Beach Implementation Plan, Rainier Beach Merchants Association, Rainier Beach Advisory Council, Rainier Beach High school PTSA.



MAPES CREEK

Rainier Beach Call To Action—community event to mobilize residents in revitalizing neighborhood.

Communities That Care—participate in youth planning effort. Determine priorities for neighborhood youth issues and develop strategies that address priorities. Funding for planning process is available through City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

Community Development Block Grant funds—allocated for Rainier Beach economic development projects. Funds administered through the Department of Neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Matching Fund—submit Matching Fund proposal that will promote community-building activities.

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